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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN RATIFICATION OF NARCOTICS AND BIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS CONVENTION

REF: A. K.L. 1035; B. K.L. 893; C. K.L. 475

1. ON FEB 28, EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR EARLY GOM RATIFI-
CATION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (REF A) AND NARCOTICS
CONVENTIONS (PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND PROTOCOL AMENDING SINGLE
CONVENTION, REFS B AND C) WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN, NON-
ALIGNED AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS (SOFIAN). SOFIAN SAID THAT
CONVENTIONS ARE UNDER STUDY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TREATIES DIVI-
SION AND THAT THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
OFFICE SHORTLY FOR FURTHER STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. SOFIAN ALSO SAID MALAYSIAN RATIFICATION WILL NOT DEPEND ON
ACTION BY PARLIAMENT, BUT ONLY APPROVAL BY PRIME MINISTER AND
CABINET.

3. SOFIAN SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO
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THESE CONVENTIONS, BUT PROGRESS TOWARD RATIFICATION IS LIKELY

TO BE LENGTHY. WITH RESPECT TO NARCOTICS CONVENTIONS, CENTRAL
NARCOTICS BUREAU HEADED BY HAJI ABU BAKAR FATHIL WOULD BE
IN BEST POSITION TO PRESS ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR
RATIFICATION (SEE ALSO REF B). WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SOFIAN
AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE TO HASTEN RATIFICA-
TION PROCESS, BUT ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY ACTION.
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